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SUBJ: FMS FOR INDONESIAN POLICE

1. SUMMARY: INDONESIAN DEFENSE MINISTER HAS WRITTEN
AMBASSADOR ASKING THAT USG FIND WAY TO INTERPRET FMS
ACT SO AS TO PERMIT PROVISION OF FMS TO INDONESIAN
POLICE. END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATED TEXT OF LETTER DATED
OCTOBER 24 SENT TO AMBASSADOR NEWSOM BY GENERAL M.
PANGGABEAN, INDONESIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND
COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES:

3. BEGIN TEXT:

"WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE CHIEF,
USDLG BY MEANS OF LETTER NO. 10.0: JCC 4900.13 SER
508, DATED 7 OCTOBER 1974, THAT ACCORDING TO THE
INTERPRETATION OF PRESENT REGULATIONS AND STATUTES, FMS
CANNOT BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT
REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDONESIAN POLICE
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FORCES (POLRI).

" IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, WITHOUT INTENDING TO CIRCUMVENT THE STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO MILITARY FOREIGN AID, WE WISH TO INVITE THE ATTENTION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

(A) POLRI CONSTITUTES AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY WITH A STATUS EQUAL TO THAT OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

(B) THESE FOUR SERVICES COMPRISE THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA WHICH HAS ONE MISSION, WITH FOUR MEANS FOR ITS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

(C) POLRI DEVELOPMENT PLANS CONSTITUTE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE/SECURITY/ARMED FORCES DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

(D) AGREEMENTS BINDING BOTH PARTIES, SUCH AS THE "LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE" BETWEEN THE GOI AND THE USG, WERE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY, AND NOT BY ITS SEPARATE COMPONENTS (EXAMPLE: OV-10), SO THAT NATURALLY ALL ABOVE-MENTIONED EQUIPMENT PURCHASED COULD BE USED BY ALL ORGANIC COMPONENTS/ELEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE OV-10, OF COURSE, CAN BE GIVEN BY HANKAM TO THE AIR FORCE, OR TO ONE OF THE OTHER ELEMENTS, SUCH AS THE NAVY.

"BASED ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MATTERS, WE ENTREAT YOUR EXCELLENCY TO DO SOMETHING WITH THE PARTIES HAVING JURISDICTION SO THAT THE INTERPRETATION OF PRESENT REGULATIONS AND STATUTES MAY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION FACTORS AND SITUATIONS SUCH AS WE HAVE CLARIFIED ABOVE.

"BEFORE AND AFTER THE FACT, WE EXPRESS OUR MANY THANKS." END TEXT

4. AMBASSADOR PLANS DISCUSS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICES DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
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